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UNCLAS. JANUARY 7. MODERATE PRENSA GRAFICA EDITORIALL
REFUTED CHARGES OF CARTEL ARRANGEMENTS BEHIND RISING COFFE
PRICES. SAID THE SHORT PIECE:

" IN THE CASE OF COFFEE, THE FORCES OF NATURE HAVE BEEN
THE ONES TO 'FIX' PRICES. FROSTS IN BRAZIL DESTROYED 70 PERCENT
OF THE 1974, 75 AND 76 HARVESTS. WITHOUT THE NORMAL SUPPLY
FROM THE BRAZILIAN COLOSSUS, DEMAND HAS OVERWHELMED THE SUPPLY
FROM ALL THE OTHER COFFEE PRODUCERS.

"AS FAR AS THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION GOES, THERE
COULD NEVER BE CARTEL, BECAUSE THE CONSUMERS HAVE A VOICE AND
A VOTE IN THE DECISIONS OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

"THE WORRY ABOUT THE RISE IN THE PRICE OF COFFEE IS UNDERSTAND-
ABLE. BUT IT CAN BY NO MEANS BE COMPARED WITH THE OPEC
SITUATION, WHICH WAS POSSIBLY THE ULTERIOR MOTIVE OF THE U.S.
CONGRESSMAN (FRED RICHMOND). HIS STATEMENT MIGHT HAVE HAD THE
OBJECTIVE OF MAKING POLITICAL POINTS, BUT IT DID NOT SPEAK
WELL OF HIS GRASP OF ECONOMICS IN GENERAL OR OF THE REALITIES OF
THE COFFEE MARKET IN PARTICULAR."

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